



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1982

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.25). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
 - p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
 - n.a. not available
 - n.y.a. not yet available
 - break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)
7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																
February	8,751	8,420	22,798	23.8	7,521	8,477	27,424	33,618	634	675	447	450	32.2	31.9	296	316
March	9,328	8,512		23.1	8,284	8,554	32,684	36,178	691	678	523	498	32.4	29.8	317	309
April	8,022	8,777		32.5	7,999	8,566	32,045	34,290	678	702	538	542	29.4	31.6	285	320
May	9,494	8,760	21,286	35.8	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333
June	8,995	8,440		35.8	9,381	8,630	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293
1981-82—																
July	9,089	8,898		30.9	10,078	8,610	43,558	34,330	712	719	463	429	37.5	33.4	347	318
August	8,754	8,160	19,135	39.9	9,796	8,831	42,398	35,577	736	732	570	552	37.0	36.2	344	318
September	8,040	7,176		36.8	8,471	8,295	33,827	31,041	544	552	478	469	35.9	31.9	363	273
October	10,223	8,537		37.4	r8,572	r8,650	34,962	35,201	567	548	623	595	30.6	26.8	r385	r338
November	8,160	7,260	21,562	36.4	r8,572	r8,704	r33,480	r36,731	510	533	r519	r489	40.6	37.0	311	265
December	5,765	7,534		32.0	r8,168	r8,728	r32,445	r37,607	564	555	499	522	37.0	39.6	r267	r246
January	1,429	1,921		28.5	r8,166	r8,845	r30,702	r38,215	631	586	351	518	12.3	37.1	r165	r397
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	7,937	9,044	30,455	37,359	497	527	471	473	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	286	311
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	8,359	8,518	32,189	35,416	661	643	519	499	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	318	299

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS(d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—														
February	3,703	3,835	957	841	11,463	169	176	309.1	377	417	35,358	78.1	28,673	28,721
March	3,830	3,981	895	770	12,767	181	178	310.8	335	425	43,698	77.6		
April	3,939	4,497	818	875	11,145	205	221	312.5	264	427	32,248	77.4		
May	3,713	3,496	596	681	12,973	202	198	313.3	213	431	30,505	81.2	29,616	29,636
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	178	183	316.0	208	421	20,208	74.1		
1981-82—														
July	4,403	3,500	737	688	13,381	191	182	317.5	r262	r394	36,102	79.2		
August	4,252	3,959	736	806	12,277	168	173	319.8	r414	r421	67,982	82.3	30,541	30,490
September	3,986	3,446	893	804	12,071	190	171	321.2	r570	r427	105,627	83.4		
October	4,857	3,997	882	765	11,172	205	182	322.6	r692	r443	106,676	82.2		
November	3,237	3,153	994	847	11,705	169	168	324.0	r669	r434	86,230	77.8	31,129	31,108
December	3,232	3,800	810	801	r9,497	184	191	325.0	616	433	55,778	78.2		
January	1,551	3,561	414	825	4,222	179	195	p327.6	r503	r431	r33,652	r79.0		
February	3,497	3,693	695	616	n.y.a.	195	218	p332.6	388	429	37,406	76.0		
March	3,700	3,716	725	582	n.y.a.	220	207	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1980-81—								
February	1,574	1,613	2,676	2,251	186	-413	366	5,172
March	1,479	1,595			185	736	778	5,153
April	1,661	1,705			186	-481	1,035	5,762
May	1,719	1,624	2,626	2,498	186	-411	605	5,858
June	1,648	1,746			188	-566	677	5,709
1981-82—								
July	1,494	1,922			186	-901	508	4,996
August	1,689	1,794	2,588	2,764	186	-536	268	4,696
September	1,498	1,846			186	-741	259	4,495
October	1,554	2,006			185	936	763	4,527
November	1,506	1,813	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	185	-670	499	4,156
December	1,423	1,624			p184	-544	724	4,360
January	1,561	1,750			p185	-684	r277	3,912
February	1,685	1,931			n.y.a.	-680	r721	3,942
March	1,717	1,614			n.y.a.	-976	1,401	4,065

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m								
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.							
1980-81—															
February	2,492	2,820	4,044	4,164	2,440	2,832	1,357	1,466	35.8	38.8	10.8	11.6		3,118	
March	2,705	2,856							38.7	38.2	12.4	12.1		3,137	
April	2,728	2,824							37.2	37.6	11.7	11.9		3,150	
May	2,936	2,871	4,130	4,230	2,890	2,876	1,396	1,497	39.6	39.0	11.9	11.5		3,175	
June	2,753	2,890							42.8	40.8	13.5	11.8		3,208	
1981-82—															
July	2,880	2,922							45.1	39.5	14.2	11.9		3,251	
August	2,852	2,990	r4,293	r4,387	r2,909	r3,013	r1,468	r1,542	39.7	38.4	12.0	12.4		3,278	
September	2,937	3,041							37.9	37.6	12.5	12.5		3,314	
October	3,080	3,034							35.4	35.6	11.5	11.6		3,361	
November	3,077	3,049	4,793	4,471	3,610	3,085	1,910	1,606	37.5	39.0	11.3	11.8		3,411	
December	4,248	3,139							41.0	40.0	12.5	13.1		r3,457	
January	2,922	3,146							33.6	41.8	10.2	13.0		3,496	
February	2,741	3,134							r33.4	r36.2	r11.6	r12.4		3,520	
March	3,084	3,164							p44.1	p41.3	p15.4	p14.0		n.y.a.	

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: December \$17m; January \$15m; February \$15m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees \$(a)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, Six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
1980-81—													
February	270.30	n.a.	686.9	1.44	317.7	316.2	317.5	348.9	275.3	328.7	324.0	364.7	144.5
March			687.1			316.8							
April			687.2			317.7							
May	280.00	n.a.	711.9	1.49	324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	368.4	146.5
June			712.1			326.1							
1981-82—													
July			713.5			327.2							
August	p286.60	p194.70	716.3	1.46	331.6	334.5	329.2	367.7	286.2	341.6	339.6	377.3	150.7
September			720.3			337.3							
October	p303.20	p197.00	723.1			336.8							
November			731.9	1.57	345.4	337.0	338.0	378.7	296.4	357.1	345.6	463.6	156.5
December			751.9			340.4							
January			756.9			341.1							
February			758.3	1.48	351.2	341.2	339.6	387.6	304.0	361.0	354.4	474.6	160.5
March			n.s.a.			341.1							

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in building house (b)	Materials used in other building (c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—															
February	714.1	806.7	11.6	13.0	94.9	2,606.5	2,632.2	34.9	35.3	348.1	114.2	841.2	1,012.7	2,043.5	2,333.4
March	875.6	831.5	14.3	13.0	101.7					351.2	115.2				
April	828.2	852.8	13.3	13.4	99.5					352.9	115.8				
May	935.8	893.0	13.2	12.9	134.1	2,835.2	2,472.9	36.9	35.6	355.1	116.7	1,066.4	1,024.6	2,782.0	2,578.7
June	970.0	853.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8				
1981-82—															
July	959.4	912.7	13.2	12.7	178.3					361.5	119.0				
August	871.7	915.7	12.9	13.5	99.0	2,367.9	p2,279.9	35.7	34.5	363.1	119.7	1,041.8	1,063.4	2,658.5	2,664.5
September	1,267.3	1,212.9	13.5	12.8	338.7					364.8	120.6				
October	915.1	875.5	13.4	12.8	70.3					366.9	121.3				
November	795.9	747.4	12.5	12.0	60.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	370.4	122.2	1,324.5	1,153.3	3,023.1	2,887.4
December	977.8	1,015.5	11.2	11.3	209.5					372.1	122.8				
January	717.3	953.2	9.4	12.1	132.0					376.3	125.0				
February	744.2	840.1	9.4	11.2	103.2					p383.1	p127.6				
March	976.1	889.1	12.2	10.9	89.1					p389.5	p129.8				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8703.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies lenders (e)						
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Banks \$m	societies \$m	lenders (e) \$m				
1980-81—														
February	22,959	22,785	25,564	24,686	18,595	18,965	21,912	359	181	119	13.12	796.5	3,056	3,056
March	22,833	22,889	26,147	25,119	18,802	19,113	22,263	374	189	139	13.10		3,252	3,539
April	22,552	22,910	26,219	25,536	19,457	19,417	22,603	375	158	129	13.15		4,767	3,377
May	22,819	23,110	25,803	26,348	19,851	19,673	23,265	342	134	131	13.10	1,019.1	4,664	3,308
June	23,218	23,193	25,935	26,791	19,714	19,828	23,629	339	129	133	13.10		3,646	3,546
1981-82—														
July	23,257	23,270	25,977	26,986	(g)20,188	(g)20,133	24,034	373	157	122	13.60		2,693	3,421
August	23,342	23,302	26,126	27,051	20,097	20,136	24,356	320	150	105	14.65	1,274.9	3,459	3,473
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,504	20,482	24,687	357	156	112	14.60		2,625	4,194
October	23,646	23,541	27,398	27,572	20,927	20,625	25,004	309	154	107	14.60		2,706	3,295
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	27,678	20,881	20,681	25,394	308	174	110	14.50	801.8	3,743	3,578
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,154	20,937	25,770	316	164	102	14.50		2,781	3,369
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,242	21,390	25,768	305	147	87	14.65		3,570	3,864
February	24,769	24,555	28,452	27,488	21,160	21,572	26,023	322	165	123	14.95		3,505	3,515
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	28,867	27,561	21,571	21,924	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	15.20		n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product						Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure					
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
AT CURRENT PRICES																
1980-81—																
September	30,906	31,182	1,574	1,871	29,332	29,311	18,732	18,838	5,080	5,139	5,065	5,133	2,182	2,374		
December	36,055	32,509	3,225	1,859	32,830	30,650	20,529	19,417	5,808	5,603	5,412	5,148	2,562	2,486		
March	31,257	33,113	1,383	1,655	29,874	31,458	19,035	19,938	5,339	5,663	4,937	5,499	2,210	2,506		
June	32,837	34,402	953	1,739	31,884	32,663	20,313	20,469	5,977	5,786	6,228	5,849	2,985	2,564		
1981-82—																
September	35,394	35,712	1,466	2,001	33,928	33,711	21,051	21,148	6,055	6,126	7,078	6,174	2,610	2,835		
December	41,295	37,075	3,754	1,844	37,541	35,231	23,034	21,786	6,687	6,441	6,839	6,494	2,911	2,827		
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																
1980-81—																
September	28,975	29,353	1,470	1,729	27,505	27,624	17,683	17,770	4,704	4,767	4,753	4,789	2,023	2,203		
December	33,048	29,706	2,845	1,622	30,203	28,084	18,980	17,985	5,201	5,030	4,956	4,706	2,322	2,251		
March	28,218	29,956	1,321	1,589	26,897	28,367	17,225	18,054	4,755	5,030	4,413	4,926	1,954	2,218		
June	28,956	30,265	963	1,658	27,993	28,607	18,062	18,168	5,133	4,963	5,437	5,113	2,563	2,200		
1981-82—																
September	30,418	30,869	1,474	1,948	28,944	28,921	18,337	18,412	5,093	5,158	5,198	5,275	2,183	2,372		
December	35,034	31,196	3,720	1,982	31,314	29,214	19,538	18,503	5,395	5,209	5,757	5,458	2,382	2,312		
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																
Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises															
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies				Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1980-81—																
September	6,033	5,971	5,358	5,510	3,707	3,703	6,472	6,638	16,937	16,921	873	7,652	3,545	21,917		
December	6,096	6,068	5,714	5,537	4,857	4,190	8,685	6,762	18,457	17,508	2,396	9,375	4,078	26,150		
March	6,157	6,151	5,401	5,491	3,682	4,147	6,107	6,749	17,295	18,121	617	7,578	5,065	20,425		
June	6,482	6,609	5,794	5,725	3,997	4,233	5,774	6,880	18,703	18,945	200	9,587	7,426	21,064		
1981-82—																
September	6,960	6,884	5,499	5,662	4,474	4,469	7,067	7,455	19,644	19,437	677	8,759	4,513	24,567		
December	6,784	6,738	5,427	5,249	5,283	4,555	10,052	7,507	21,331	20,402	2,824	10,522	4,584	30,093		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**JOB
VACANCIES
(' 000)**
CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (' 000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1980-81—													
February	4,271.4	4,244.0	2,473.4	2,471.6	6,744.8	6,716.9	203.6	154.7	65.8	220.0	204.1	424.1	33.5
March	4,278.9	4,266.6	2,521.0	2,485.1	6,799.9	6,747.5	185.8	144.9	79.2	203.2	206.6	409.9	
April	4,256.2	4,254.3	2,509.2	2,489.7	6,765.4	6,744.7	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	376.0	
May	4,257.1	4,261.4	2,495.6	2,499.1	6,752.7	6,755.3	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	35.7
June	4,244.3	4,258.0	2,484.9	2,493.5	6,729.2	6,747.2	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2	
1981-82—													
July	4,262.5	4,276.6	2,501.3	2,503.0	6,763.8	6,781.0	182.1	132.8	59.9	196.8	178.0	374.8	
August	4,245.0	4,276.1	2,488.4	2,514.5	6,733.4	6,793.8	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1	34.7
September	4,297.5	4,295.4	2,559.7	2,536.8	6,857.2	6,834.0	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1	
October	4,249.4	4,275.2	2,527.4	2,533.4	6,776.9	6,811.8	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	170.6	370.4	
November	4,243.5	4,282.1	2,527.9	2,527.7	6,771.4	6,809.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.4	171.5	371.9	36.7
December	4,334.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,905.9	6,802.5	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	200.7	433.3	
January	4,299.6	4,283.1	2,461.4	2,537.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	156.0	62.6	238.6	201.0	439.6	
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	r236.3	r170.3	r77.8	r251.7	r232.7	r484.4	33.7
March	4,329.9	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.8	6,867.3	p215.6	p158.3	p86.1	p237.4	p222.6	p460.0	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(' 000)**

Month	Civilian employees											Defence Forces(b)	Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total				
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Persons
1981—													
January	278.2	124.3	580.2	401.0	7.6	6.5	103.8	26.6	969.6	558.5	1,528.1	72.3	1,600.4
February	278.3	124.9	581.8	414.5	7.5	6.5	103.2	27.6	970.8	573.6	1,544.3	72.4	1,616.7
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	418.9	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	578.8	1,551.1	72.5	1,623.6
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	420.8	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	580.7	1,553.1	72.5	1,625.6
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	579.0	1,550.5	72.4	1,622.9
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	418.2	7.7	6.6	102.5	27.7	970.0	577.6	1,547.5	72.5	1,620.0
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	27.9	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.2	72.5	1,620.7
October	276.2	128.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	965.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4
1982—													
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	568.5	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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